

NAMPA HOSTS CONFERENCE COUNCIL

Election of a Search Committee and adoption of the 1976 Conference Budget are two items on the agenda of the Conference Council Meeting at Nampa, Idaho, on October 10, 11, 12. The sessions begin at 3:30 p.m. on Friday and continue through the worship services on Sunday.

Delegates will have opportunity to respond to the preliminary work done by the Personnel Committee on a new job description for the Conference Minister position. Every local church has been asked to nominate one or two persons for election to the Search Committee.

Delegates will share in plenary sessions and small groups, see a pageant on early Northwest history, hear good musical groups, enjoy periods of informal fellowship and highlight the weekend with a festive worship service.

Every congregation is asked to send three adult and one youth delegate. Advance information has been mailed to the local churches. Reservations are required to facilitate housing and meal arrangements for delegates and visitors.

The Idaho churches are looking forward to the first major Central Pacific Conference Meeting in their state.

IDAHO ASSOCIATION MEETING, October 10, 1975 - from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Wright Community Church, Boise. Delegates will complete agenda in time to attend the Council Meeting at Nampa.



Rev. Bill Gunn, Rev. Anne Smith
Mrs. Ella Powell

17/76 CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

On September 17th, the Conference Committee appointed to carry out follow-up work on the 17/76 Campaign met with the Rev. Bill Gunn, Regional Counselor, to review projected steps to reach a goal of \$113,000 before the end of 1976.

Three concerns are of immediate interest to local congregations:

1. A report on present status of the Campaign should be submitted by each church. (Blue forms have been mailed.)

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HISTORIC CHURCHES

St. John's United Church of Christ - Tillamook, Oregon



Present Church

In 1890, the Potomac Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States challenged the Rev. J. G. Schmid, then serving a congregation near Van Dyne, Wisconsin to become a home missionary under the care of the Synod of the Pacific Northwest. Rev. Mr. Schmid, with many misgivings, moved with his family to Astoria in the summer of 1890.

Shortly after 1890, the Swiss began to settle in the Tillamook, Nehalem area. Rev. Mr. Schmid, himself a native of Switzerland, was interested in these folks, especially since he could speak their language.

There were no highways from Astoria to Tillamook and the one means of transportation was by the 100 foot steamer "Elmore". This ship made the trip somewhat irregularly, its schedule depending upon the weather. The climatic conditions on the Coast, then and now, were rough and stormy. The Columbia River Bar was treacherous, so was the Tillamook Bar at the entry of Tillamook Bay. One time the ship almost capsized when Mr. Schmid was on board.

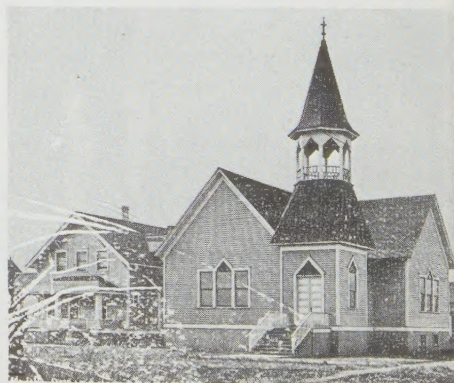
The real start of the Tillamook Church was May 26, 1901 when eleven adults and several children met in the "Quick Schoolhouse" at South Prairie for services. By September, the group had grown sufficiently to call a meeting for the purpose of setting a date to organize a church. The date chosen was October 13, 1901. Rev. John Looser was pastor. The first name of the church was "The First German Reformed St. John's Church of Tillamook, Oregon." Later the name was shortened to "St. John's Reformed Church."

Until 1928 services were held in German. After January 1931, the minutes of congregational meetings were recorded in English and not German. The reason given: "On account of more members and future members understanding the Universal Language."

The first building was located at Fifth and Laurel (a block from the present building) and completed in September 1909 at a cost of \$1,975. The present building was erected during the pastorate of the Rev. August Elshoff (1947-1953) and occupied December 1949. His interest in the Heifer Project has continued to be a part of the congregation's program.

The congregation's interest and concern for those beyond its own community is attested by its support of one of its member families, Dr. and Mrs. Howard Kaliher, medical missionaries in Gaziantep, Turkey. Members are active in many organizations and groups in the Tillamook area, including the newly formed Tillamook Food Bank. Currently, they are acquainting themselves with the Word and Deed Evangelism Program of the United Church.

The Rev. Earnest Lidell is the current and 16th pastor of the church. Next year the church will celebrate its 75th Anniversary. An addition to the present facilities is under construction and will be ready for use before the anniversary celebration.



Original Church

IDAHO CHURCHES ORGANIZE ECUMENICALLY

The Ecumenical Association of Churches in Idaho is the name for a new organization composed of: American Baptist, Christian (Disciples of Christ), Church of the Brethren, Episcopal, Lutheran (LCA), Roman Catholic, Salvation Army, United Church, United Methodist, & United Presbyterian Churches. Representatives from these bodies held a Convocation and Celebration at the College of Idaho, Caldwell, Idaho, September 6th, to launch the new organization. The former Council of Churches members have been joined by the Salvation Army and Roman Catholics in ECI. Rev. Leonard Reifel of Weiser gave the call to worship and Rev. Theo. Edquist affirmed the participation of the United Church in ECI. Assembly representatives to ECI from the United Church are Rev. Jim Nolan and Dr. Junior T. Kihara.

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2. The recommendation to retain 4-1/2% of all receipts for scholarships in the Conference was accepted. These receipts will be assigned to Pacific University for use in its minority scholarship program.
3. The participation by local congregations has resulted in total reported pledges and cash of \$64,650. The latest cash report (September 15) shows income of \$18,211 from Oregon and \$1,263 from Idaho. (Additional Idaho receipts have been credited through the former Intermountain Conference.) A total of 30 Conference Churches have conducted a campaign or are ready to launch their effort. One church (Ashland) has exceeded its goal of \$1,500, and pledged a total of \$1,776.

Committee members have each assumed responsibility for assisting several assigned local churches. They are encouraged by the results, and will be pleased to play a consultative role. The Conference has visual aids, bulletin inserts, interpretive materials and other helps available upon request.

Mr. Gunn reported that accepted goals nationally exceeded the 13 million primary goal. He expressed appreciation for the progress made in the

Central Pacific Conference, and encouraged the committee to work toward reaching the challenge goal.

The meeting was attended by the Rev. Bill Gunn, Committee members: Anne Smith, Royald Caldwell, Edward Johns, Ella Powell, Eugene Ross and R.H. Huenemann.

WELCOME BACK TO THE WEST COAST!



The Rev. Mineo Katagiri, New York, assistant to the President of the United Church of Christ, was elected Northern California Conference Minister at the annual conference meeting May 19. He will take up his duties in San Francisco in September,

1975. He succeeds Rev. Richard Norberg, who has accepted a call to the UCC church at San Mateo, California.

A native of Honolulu, Hawaii, Mr. Katagiri became director of the Pilgrim Foundation at the University of Washington in Seattle in 1959. In 1965 he joined the United Church's Metropolitan Mission there and became senior minister of the Ecumenical Metropolitan Mission two years later.

Dr. R. H. Huenemann will represent the Conference Ministers at the Installation Service scheduled November 8, 1975 at Lodi, California.

CAMP ADAMS LEADERSHIP

The Personnel Committee in cooperation with the Camp Adams Management Committee and the Conference Board is arranging to cover the responsibilities of the Minister of Camping position which were carried by Bill Nix before moving to Florida. Announcement of several part-time openings will be made soon after the Conference Council Meeting. Rev. Farley Maxwell and Rev. Orville Krebs are filling in on an interim basis. George Nelson is the Camp Manager.

The Local Scene

Installations will be frequent in the Conference schedule. In the near future, these are on the calendar:

Oct. 5 - Rev. William Graham at lone

Rev. Ned Luther at Hillsboro

Nov. 2 - Rev. Lawrence Gruman at Eugene

Nov. 16 - Rev. Vernon Holloway at Clackamas.

Rev. Michel Hanback was ordained and installed on a festive day at Hillsdale Church, Portland, on Sunday, September 21. Good wishes to all in these newly recognized ministries.

The "Assist" Cluster enjoyed an area picnic at Camp Adams with 175 in attendance this summer. Members of the congregations filled the Beaver-creek Church for a "Sing-along" on August 24, using hymns from the new United Church of Christ hymnal.

Nancy Johnson is the intern student at Second Church, Portland, from Andover-Newton Seminary in Boston.

Wayne Steinert from Claremont School of Theology fills a similar position at Hood River.

Dr. Levering Reynolds will be installed as Minister Emeritus at Hillsboro on September 28.

First Church at Corvallis has called Rev. Dwight A. Hoelscher, Fresno, California, to the position of Senior Minister. Welcome!

The dedication date for the new church building near Mt. Hood College in Gresham has been set for Sunday, November 23. More on this important development later.

Mr. John H. Curtis reports membership growth and good response at Grand View, Idaho, where he has begun his pastorate.

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Sept. 30 - WOMEN'S DAY
at Smyrna.

Oct. 10 - IDAHO ASSOCIATION at Wright Church,
Boise.

Oct. 10-11-12 - CONFERENCE
COUNCIL at Nampa, Idaho

Nov. 14-15 - CLERGY-LAY
RETREAT ON "HUNGER"
at Camp Adams.

Remember the 17/76 Campaign
is Now!



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